

BANGOR RESTORATION LLC AND ANDY POTTS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE BANGOR GRAIN ELEVATOR, BANGOR

The iconic Bangor Grain Elevator is the tallest and largest building in the business district. When the city sought bids in 2004 to tear down the 130-year-old grain elevator dominating the main street, local historian Bob Emmert and George Fritz of Michigan Summer Blueberries, Inc. came to the rescue.

Emmert, a lifelong Bangor resident, threw himself into the project and applied for the State and Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credits and listing in the National Register of Historic Places. He cut forty trees from his own property and set up a portable sawmill at the grain elevator to cut lumber for the roof deck, the outer walls of the grain bins, and the vertical board and batten siding.

The Bangor Grain Elevator rehabilitation represents a high quality of workmanship and embodies a project where the participants went “the extra mile.” It reflects more than \$300,000 in investment in the community and it demonstrates that a very utilitarian building can be rehabilitated for a new use and uplift the face of a town.

A landmark and a focal point in town, no one in Bangor can imagine their community without the grain elevator.

